

Congresswoman Kaptur today voted for legislation that would freeze congressional salaries next year.

"For the first time in 35 years, Social Security recipients did not receive a cost-of-living increase this year," said Congresswoman Kaptur. "Why should it be any different for members of Congress? With so many people experiencing so much pain due to the economy, the vote to forego a cost-of-living increase is the right thing to do."

Without legislative action such as today's vote, members of Congress would receive an automatic, annual cost-of-living increase as a result of legislation that was passed in 1989.

Kaptur, a 14-term member, has rejected pay raises for years and annually contributes more than \$25,000 in foregone pay raises to worthy causes in the Ninth Congressional District.